

## Spotlight Muscians -An Invitation -Motel Portrait Spotlight Other -@dissidentinlove (photography) -@etrnlpoetry (poetry)

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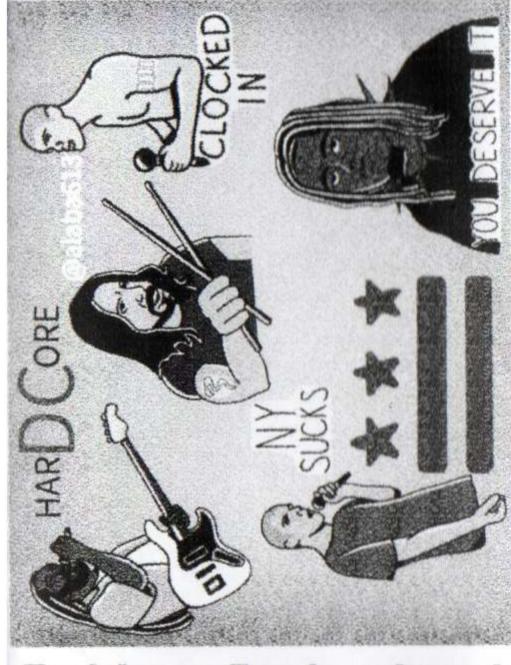
The following segment is a transcription of interviews by cooper (@pkfloral) during the first herndon arts show Cooper: Herndon Arts is open again as a music venue after ten[ish] years. And tonight, we're gonna see it alive again with An Invitation, Pablo for Hire, and Druidstone. Demeter: Um, so for Arts Herndon, there haven't been many shows here for a long time. There used to be shows here back in the day, but as far as my role, um, thanks to the wonderful director of the building whose name is Jo, who's here, uh, most any day, my role is to book the shows, uh, for all ages metal shows. SJF: I played tonight. I sing and play guitar in An Invitation, and I assist in booking just, just a little bit. Not that much. Leo Nassar: Oh, I feel great about this venue. Um, no drugs allowed, first of all, which is, you know, pretty good, 'cause my parents allow me to come here then. This makes a good venue. Kind of has an- it's a

little small, but it has an area for a pit nonetheless, and you're really up close personal with the band, which I like. Rusty: I like them, I like having a venue that isn't in like DC or Baltimore, and I think it's really good that it's here and accessible and.. All ages, and in the middle of Herndon, which is already such a cool place to be. Demeter: Yeah, well, I mean the kids need a place to go. I mean the adults do too, but you know, frankly, your options in a town like this are to, you know, get into doing drugs and getting in trouble, or to get into art, and heavy music. Metal music, is perhaps the most cathartic form of that. So, it's just an incredibly positive place for kids and adults, people of all ages to go, judgment free, and to find a constructive space where they can feel like they belong and also be creative and get into positive things that end up building community and not destroying their lives Brook Deller: It was good. I

I liked it. I've never been to this venue before but I like it and I will come back. God bless. SFJ: I think it's awesome. I used to come here ten[ish] years ago to see bands play. It was awesome then, it's awesome now. It's crazy, it's like nothing happened! Cooper: Herndon Arts has metal shows every fourth Friday of the month. This has been Cooper Young for [Herndons Beloved Scenel.

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